

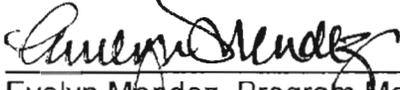


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DATE: January 8, 2008

TO: ALL COUNTY CLERKS/REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (08011)

FROM:   
Evelyn Mendez, Program Manager  
Candidates and Elections

SUBJECT: Signatures in Lieu and Nomination Signatures

### **ATTENTION CANDIDATE FILING OFFICERS**

As you all know, the filing period for signatures-in-lieu began on **December 28, 2007**.

Per Elections Code section 8106 (b)(1), "Any registered voter may sign an in-lieu-filing-fee petition for any candidate for whom he or she is eligible to vote."

The deadline for a political party to notify our office that it has adopted a rule that authorizes a person who has declined to state a party affiliation to vote the ballot of that political party pursuant to Elections Code section 13102(c) is **January 20, 2008**. Enclosed are the letters we received from the Democratic and Republican parties allowing decline to state voters to vote a Democratic or Republican ballot. We will send notice if we receive notification from the remaining parties.

Please note that signatures-in-lieu that are to be used as nomination signatures are limited to signers from the candidate's own party. Elections Code section 8068 states that, "All signers must be registered voters and members of the same political party as the candidate."

Feel free to call us if you have any questions regarding candidate filing or election reporting matters.

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# CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SENATOR ART TORRES (RET.), CHAIRMAN

January 8, 2008

VIA FACSIMILE (916) 653-0718

Secretary of State Debra Bowen  
1500 15th Street, 5th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Bowen:

Please be advised that the California Democratic Party hereby adopts Elections Code sections 13102(b)-(c) for the June 3, 2008 Statewide Primary, allowing unaffiliated registered voters to request a Democratic ballot and vote in the primary of the California Democratic Party.

Please note, however, that unaffiliated voters are not allowed to vote in Democratic Central Committee races.

Sincerely,

Senator Art Torres (Ret.)  
Chairman

cc: Cathy Mitchell, Chief, Elections Division

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Honorable Deborah Bowen  
Secretary of State  
c/o Rhonda Pasquale  
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1500- 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Re: California Republican Party Statement re: Decline to State Voter Participation

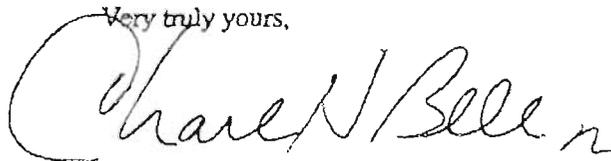
Dear Secretary Bowen:

On behalf of the California Republican Party, whose Chairman Ron Nehring has authorized me to submit this statement, the California Republican Party's rules provide the following with respect to "decline to state" voters' participation in its primary elections:

- (1) The Party's bylaws, Art. VI, section 6.01(A), do not permit "decline to state" voters to participate in the Presidential Primary election scheduled for February 5, 2008;
- (2) The Party's bylaws, Art. I, section 1.04(A), permit "decline to state" voters to participate in the regular Partisan Primary election scheduled for June 3, 2008.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Charles H. Bell, Jr.  
General Counsel  
California Republican Party

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